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Federal Election Commission  
Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration  
Attn: Mary Beth deBeau, Paralegal  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

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Re: MUR 7084

Dear Ms. deBeau:

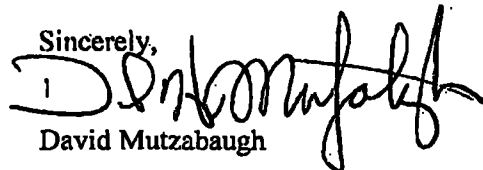
I am responding to Mr. Jordan's June 15, 2016, letter enclosing a complaint against Scott Taylor, Scott Taylor for Congress, John G. Selph as Treasurer, and Special Operations OPSECPolitical Action Committee and Education Fund, Inc, and its Treasurer, Michael Smith. I am not identified as a respondent in the letter. However, my name does appear as a contributor to the Scott Taylor for Congress Committee. Specifically, the complaint suggests that the candidate solicited and accepted contributions from government contractors and identifies me as a government contractor. The complaint is mistaken.

I gave these funds in my personal capacity because Scott Taylor is a Navy Seal, and I believe there should be more veterans in Congress. Although I work for a Government Contractor, ThunderCat Technology, my donation was purely as a private citizen. My employer had absolutely nothing to do with this donation. I myself am not a government contractor. I have reviewed the FEC regulations. They state that a government contractor is a person who "[e]nters into any contract with the United States or any department or agency thereof either for - (i) The rendition of personal services; or (ii) Furnishing any material, supplies, or equipment; or (iii) Selling any land or building." 11 C.F.R. § 115.1. I personally do not have any contract with the United States or any agency of the United States. I am therefore not a government contractor as defined by the regulations.

Moreover, the regulations go on to state that "[n]othing in this part shall prohibit the stockholders, officers, or employee of a corporation, or the members of an unincorporated association, cooperative, membership organization labor organization, or other group or organization which is a Federal contractor from making contributions or expenditures from their personal assets." 11 C.F.R. § 115.6. While I am an employee of ThunderCat Technology, the law clearly allows me to make a contribution from my personal assets, and that is what I did.

Thus, I would ask the FEC to dismiss the Complaint against me.

Sincerely,

  
David Mutzabaugh